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SUBJ: PRC COLLEGE ENROLLMENT UP 11 PERCENT

1. CHINA HAS ENROLLED 167,000 "WORKERS, PEASANTS AND SOLDIERS WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE" IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGED THIS YEAR (NCNA OCTOBER 15). ALTHOUGH 11 PERCENT LARGER THAN LAST YEAR'S, THE ENTERING CLASS IS STILL FAR SHORT OF PRE-CR HIGHS WHEN 200,000 GRADUATED IN 1962-63 AND AGAIN IN 1963-64. FURTHER MORE, IT REPRESENTS LESS THAN 1.5 PERCENT OF THE YOUTHS ENTERING THE LABOR FORCE AGES THIS YEAR AND ONLY A FRACTION OF ONE PERCENT OF THE AGE COHORT THAT CONSIDERS ITSELF IN COMPETITION FOR THE AVAILABLE SPACES. NO WONDER MORALE AT THE SECONDARY AND EVEN ELEMENTARY LEVELS CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM.

2. THE INCREASED ENROLLMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BOTH BY RE-OPENING SOME MORE INSTITUTIONS CLOSED DOWN DURING THE CR AND BY ENLARGING THE ENTERING CLASSES AT THOSE PREVIOUSLY RE-OPENED. THESLO PACE OF ENLARGING COLLGE ENROLLMENT, THE APPRRENTLY LOW "CULTURAL LEVEL" OF MAY OF THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS, AND CONTINUED DIFFUCULTIES IN DEVELOPING ACCEPTA-BEL WORKING NOTES MUCH LESS TEXTBOOKS, ALL INDICATE THAT THE GAP CREATED BY THE CR WILL NOT BE RAPIDLY FILLED.

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3. FURTHERMORE, THE QUALITY OF VEN THE BEST COLLEGES

REMAINS THAT OF A TECHNICAL INSITUTE BY US STANDARDS, ACCORD-  
ING TO RECENT VI TTING DELEGATIONS. BOTH THE PLANT SCIENTISTS  
AND THE WATER RESOURCES EMUINEERS FORESAW FUTURE DIFFICULT-  
IES FOR CHINA BECAUSE OF THE SMALL NUMBER APPARENTLY BEING  
TRAINED TO LEVELS ADEQUATE TO BE UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS  
AND RESEARCH SCIENTISTS.  
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